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1. MORNING PAPERS MARCH 25. SEE ABW QUESTION AS MAJOR TOPIC
RAISED IN TRUDEAU/NIXON TALKS. GLOBE AND MAIL, MONTREAL
GAZETTE AND LE DEVOIR ALL HEADLINES MISSILE SYSTEM DISCUSSION.
2. OIL IS SECOND ITEM IN IMPORTANCE ACCORDING TO GLOBE AND
MAIL, WHICH BOTH IN ITS EDITORIAL AND IN WASHINGTON DISPATCH
FROM SCOTT YOUNG SAYS CANADIAN OIL POLICY FIGURES HIGH. QTE
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH
WILL CONCERN THESE TWO MEN. YET BESTRIDING THEM ALL,
WHETHER ADMITTED OR NOT, IS THE QUESTION OF CANADIAN OIL
EXPORTS TO THE U S UNQTE.

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3. GAZETTE CARRIES CP DISPATCH WHICH STATES SOME WASHINGTON OBSERVERS SEE ABM QUESTION QTE AS ANOTHER OF THOSE HEATED BUT TEMPORARY FLURRIES THWT STIR UP CANADIAN-U S RELATIONSHIP FROM TIME TO TIME. UNQTE GORDON PAPE IF HIS EDITORIAL PAGE COLUMN OBSERVES THAT QTE BECAUSE OF RATHER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, CANADA HAS MORE LEVERAGE IN THIS CASE THAN HAS GENERALLY BEEN RECOGNIZED. REASON FOR THIS IS THAT DEBATE OVER SYSTEM IN U S IS FAR FROM OVER, AND PRESIDENT FACES TOUGH SLEDDING IN CONGRESS WHEN HE SEEKS TO HAVE FUNDS FOR ABM APPROPRIATED. UNQTE DISSENT FROM CANADA WOULD NOT CHANGE NEXON'S MIND, PAPE STATES, BUT QTE IT WOULD PROVIDE SOME USEFUL AMMUNITION FOR OPPONENTS OF SYSTEM IN CONGRESS. UNQTE

4. PAPE CONCLUDES: QTE DECISION MR. TRUDEAU WILL HAVE TO MAKE AFTER HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT IS NOT GOING TO BE AN EASY ONE. WHATEVER HE DOES, IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN TO PROVOKE AN POLITICAL STORM.

5. QTE COMBINED WITH CONTROVERSY THAT'S ALMOST CERTAIN TO ARISE WHEN CABINET STARTS MAKING SOME FINAL DECISIONS ON DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW OVER NEXT WEEKEND, PROSPECTS ARE FOR TROUBLED TIMES AHEAD FOR GOVERNMENT. UNQTE SMITH

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